

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
October 23, 2012

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 23, 2012

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Massachusetts
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

001-33898
(Commission

File No.)

20-4652200
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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10 Meridian Street, East Boston, Massachusetts

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 567-1500

02128

(Zip Code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 23, 2012, Meridian Interstate Bancorp, Inc. issued a press release announcing earnings for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2012. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this report.

The press release attached as an exhibit to this Current Report pursuant to this Item 2.02 is being furnished to, and not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not Applicable.
- (b) Not Applicable.
- (c) Not Applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
99	Press release dated October 23, 2012

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP, INC.

DATE: October 23, 2012

By: /s/ Mark L. Abbate
Mark L. Abbate
Senior Vice President, Treasurer and
Chief Financial Officer